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Mail Stop **Amendment**

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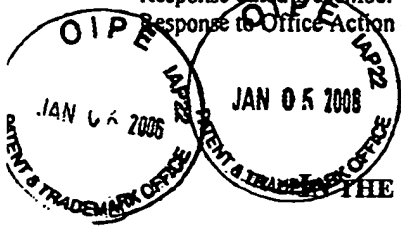
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Title: SLIDERS BONDED BY A DEBONDABLE SILICON-BASED ENCAPSULANT

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed August 23, 2005, in which the Examiner required restriction between three groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-21, drawn to a slider assembly;
- II. Claims 22-29, drawn to a method of producing a slider assembly; and
- III. Claims 30-31, drawn to a method for patterning an air-bearing surface of a slider

In response, applicants elect Group II, claims 22-29, without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

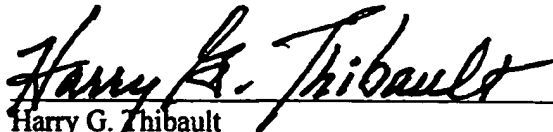
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If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 251-7700.

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